

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.39
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Horton - Dill, George T. House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Dill, George T. House
<b>Address:</b>	4850 State Hwy
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	North Eastham
<b>Local No:</b>	05-123
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1850
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Nursery; Poultry Farm; Single Family Dwelling House; Speciality store
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture; Commerce
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Brick



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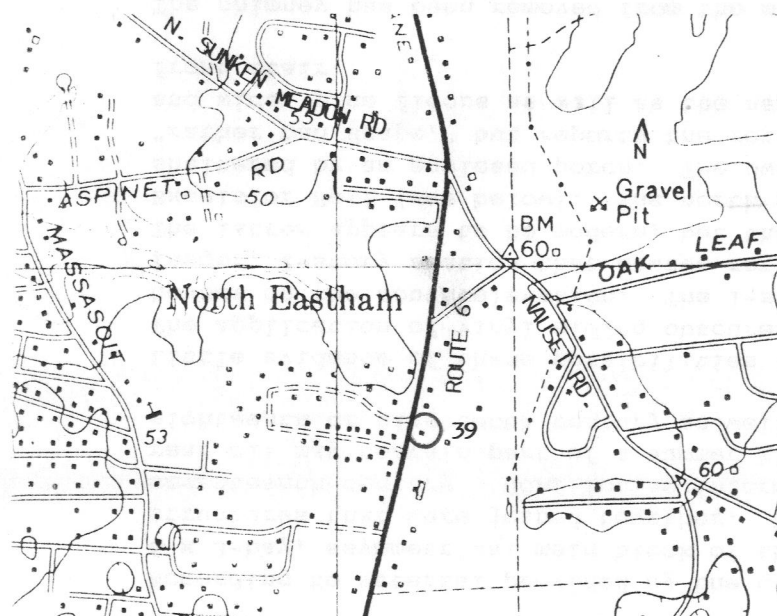
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Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Shingles and Vinyl Siding

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
Multiple modern building. See  
Architectural Description.

Major Alterations (with dates)  
See Architectural Description.

Condition Fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 2.58 Acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,  
mixed-use section of Route 6, the major,  
Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare,  
the former county road and a continuation  
of the original Old King's Highway.

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## BUILDING FORM

4850 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION        See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

According to material provided by the current owner, the 1 1/2-story, 6 x 3-bay, asymmetrical main block of this dwelling is comprised of 2 separate structures that were joined together. The earlier part may date to the seventeenth century. Conflicting information included in the file suggests a rear ell may contain part of a summer kitchen that may date from the eighteenth or nineteenth century as well as a section built in the 1930's.

Little evidence of these possibilities is obvious from the exterior. The application of vinyl siding obscures detail as does the addition of green houses on the south elevation. The 1-story, gable-roofed, rear ell leads to a larger, 2-story section that houses retail space with residential area above. The latter appears to be modern, but the owner indicates it is reputed to be Excelsior Hall (see below). The north elevation of the smaller ell is sheltered by an enclosed porch. The owner describes the house as being in "rather bad shape," but reports the retention of the round, brick root cellar and wide, pine floors as well as the name Lewis Collins written underneath the front stair.

The chimney has been removed from the main block where 2 gable dormers interrupt the rear slope. A chimney remains on the 1-story, rear ell. Limited exposed detail fails to indicate a date of construction. Higher wall space and the wider, plain frieze on the facade than on side elevations suggest a Greek Revival or later date. Fenestration consists of 6/2, double-hung sash, but trim has been covered. Blinds are vinyl replacements. The twentieth-century, gable-roofed entry porch has square posts and balusters and a shingled pediment. The front entry consists of a 4-panel, wooden door in a modified, informal surround suggestive of pilasters supporting an entablature, but not fully executed.

The property, now a nursery, includes numerous, modern outbuildings including wooden and fiberglass greenhouses and metal-clad warehouses.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Several people including owners have investigated and accumulated information regarding this property and that at 4885 State Highway. None has resolved the chain of ownership, determined the date of construction or identified the original owner. The file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives does not include documentation that resolves the conflicting, vague or confusing materials. Additional deed, probate and genealogical research is required to finalized any conclusions about the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

       Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Utilizing local maps, secondary sources and existing researcher's reports, it appears both properties were long-standing holdings of the Horton Family. This house appears to have been the state coach stop operated by Abraham (also Abram) Horton. He was also post master of North Eastham and kept the post office here until 1882 when it was moved to the depot. The property was later operated by John H. Horton as the Nauset Hotel. Different researchers have identified different owners about whom no information was located in secondary sources.

Deyo's county history references a large hall that existed in the hotel and a separate building, Excelsior Hall, erected in 1886 by Robert R. Horton and others which included a store on the first floor and a skating rink on the second. The present owners, Armand and Irene St. Aubin believe that the back building of the nursery is the relocated Excelsior Hall. Identification requires further research, if a more detailed examination indicates sufficient architectural integrity remains to warrant further investigation of the building.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Area Form No

